

**RESOURCES AGENCY
ECONOMIC AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT
SUPPORTING THE FORM STD 399**

**CEQA CERTIFICATION OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME'S
REGULATORY PROGRAM AT
14 CCR §§ 786.0-786.8**

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

Response to Question A1

None of the impacts or impositions listed in this question would occur. The proposed action would merely add the Department of Fish and Game's proposed revised regulations at 14 C.C.R. section 786.0-786.8 to the list of regulatory programs certified pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.5. By streamlining the process used to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed action may result in modest cost savings to businesses or individuals that voluntarily decide to prepare a local program pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2086 for approval by the Department of Fish and Game.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Section A, Fiscal Effect on Local Government

No fiscal impact on local government will occur because the proposed action will not affect any local entity or program. Local government agencies may elect to prepare a program pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2086 and submit that program for approval by the Department of Fish and Game. In such cases, the local entity will act as lead agency under CEQA and the certified regulatory program of the Department of Fish and Game for preparation of a CEQA-equivalent document would not be utilized.

Section B, Fiscal Effect on State Government

The proposed action will streamline the process for CEQA compliance and may therefore produce modest cost savings for the Department of Fish and Game when compared to the alternative of the Secretary for Resources not certifying the program. However, these savings to the Department of Fish and Game are expected to be small and will not materialize at all if local programs are not prepared and submitted for Department review or if the programs that are submitted are prepared by a local public entity serving as CEQA lead agency.

Section C, Fiscal Effect on Federal Funding of State Programs

The proposed action will not affect any federally funded state agency or program, including the funds received by California under section 6 of the federal Endangered Species Act for habitat land acquisitions.